

# Review of Recent Results in Charm Physics<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** A biased review of recent results in charm physics is presented. New results on  $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing, rare decays of  $D^0$  and  $D^\pm$ , scalar resonances in  $D^+$  and  $D_s$  decays, and new decay modes and mass measurements in  $\Lambda_c^+$ ,  $\Xi_c^{+,0}$ ,  $\Omega_c^0$ , and  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  are discussed.

## INTRODUCTION

In contrary to the last 5 years or so, were mostly “traditional” charm experiments like E791, FOCUS, SELEX, WA89, WA92, CLEO, and H1/ZEUS published results about more “traditional” topics like production, lifetimes, rare decays, and limits on  $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing, accompanied by a small number of theory and phenomenology papers, in the last year a shift in charm physics occurred. New players like BaBar, Belle and CDF entered the field, new charm states (doubly charmed baryons, hidden double charm ( $J/\Psi c\bar{c}$ ),  $D_s^*$ ,  $X(3872)$ ) were discovered, and the first pentaquark was observed. All this triggered a large number of “theory” papers, pre- and post-dicting the spectroscopy and production of these new states. In most of these papers a (back-)shift to the di-quark picture of charmed hadrons can be observed.

We will present here a (biased) selection of recent results in charm physics. In several other talks at this conference charm results were shown.

## $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ MIXING

The usual observable for  $CP$  violation in the charm system is the lifetime difference between  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ , defined as  $y_{CP} = \tau(K^- \pi^+)/\tau(K^- K^+) - 1$ , predicted in the Standard Model to  $y_{CP} \sim 10^{-3}$ . Another possible analysis is the “wrong-sign” Double Cabbibo Suppressed  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ , with the observable  $y'$ . Recent

results where published by Belle [1] and BaBar [2], and are compared with previous results in table 1.

All measurements are compatible with 0, e.g. no  $CP$  violation was observed yet in the charm system.

## RARE DECAYS OF $D^0$ AND $D^\pm$ MESONS

FOCUS observed the rare decay  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^- K^+ \pi^+$  with a yield of  $132 \pm 19$  events, and measured the relative branching ratio to  $\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^- K^+ \pi^+)/\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+) = 0.00257 \pm 0.00034 \pm 0.00024$  [8]. Resonant Resonant substructures with  $\Phi$  and  $K^*(892)^0$  are dominant.

Belle observed  $D^0 \rightarrow \phi \pi^0$ ,  $\phi \eta$ , and  $\phi \gamma$  [9].

CLEO performed a Dalitz plot analysis of  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ , and studied  $D^0 \rightarrow K_s \eta \pi^0$  [10]. CLEO also observed the Cabbibo suppressed decays  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $K^+ K^0$ , and  $K^+ \pi^0$  [11], and the measured Branching Ratios are shown in table 2.

FOCUS studied di-muon decays for  $D^+$  and  $D_s^+$  [12], and obtained new limits on these modes.

A new player in the field, CDF, set a limit for  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  at  $< 2.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  [13].

## SCALAR RESONANCES IN $D^+$ AND $D_s^+$ DECAYS

Since a few years E791 is studying the modes  $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ , and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ . To explain the resonant substructures in the decays, they need to include two scalar resonance, one for  $K\pi$  (the  $\kappa$ ) with mass  $(797 \pm 19 \pm 43) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and width

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**TABLE 1.** Recent measurements of  $CP$  violation observables in the  $D^0$  system.

Experiment	Measurement	Reference
Belle	$y_{CP} = (+1.15 \pm 0.69 \pm 0.38) \%$	[1]
BaBar	$y_{CP} = (-0.8 \pm 0.4^{+0.5}_{-0.4}) \%$	[2]*
CLEO	$y_{CP} = (-1.2 \pm 2.5 \pm 1.4) \%$	[3] <sup>†</sup>
FOCUS	$y_{CP} = (3.42 \pm 1.39 \pm 0.74) \%$	[4]
E791	$y_{CP} = (0.8 \pm 2.9 \pm 1.0) \%$	[5]**
BaBar	$-0.056 < y' < 0.039$ (95% C.L.)	[6]
CLEO	$-0.058 < y' < 0.01$ (95% C.L.)	[7]

\* also includes  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

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\*\* Measured  $\Delta\Gamma = (0.04 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.05) \text{ ps}^{-1}$

**TABLE 2.** Branching Ratios for  $D^+$  decays, measured by CLEO [11].

$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0)$	$(1.31 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.09) \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \bar{K}^0)$	$(5.24 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.34) \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0)$	$< 4.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ (90% C.L.)

**TABLE 3.** Masses and Width for  $\Sigma_c^{++}$  and  $\Sigma_c^0$  as measured by CLEO [24].

$M(\Sigma_c^{++}) - M(\Lambda_c^+)$	$(167.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
$M(\Sigma_c^0) - M(\Lambda_c^+)$	$(167.2 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
$\Gamma(\Sigma_c^{++})$	$(2.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
$\Gamma(\Sigma_c^0)$	$(2.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3) \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$(410 \pm 43 \pm 87) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , and a second in  $\pi\pi$  (the  $\sigma$ ) with mass  $(478^{+24}_{-23} \pm 17) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and width  $(324^{+42}_{-40} \pm 21) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  [14, 15, 16].

## THE $D_s$ SYSTEM

On April 12, 2003, BaBar announced the observation of a narrow resonance, decaying to  $D_s \pi^0$ , at  $2.32 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  [17]. Shortly after, CLEO not only confirmed the observation, but observed an additional resonance, decaying to  $D_s^* \pi^0$  [18, 19]. During the summer conferences, Belle confirmed both observations [20, 21]. The most likely nature of these states are excited  $D_s$  mesons; the search for similar states in the  $D^0$  and  $D^\pm$  system already started. More details can be found in these proceedings [22].

## CHARMED BARYONS: THE $\Lambda_c^+$ AND $\Sigma_c^{0,++}$

CLEO reports the observation of the  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  decay [23], with  $\mathcal{B} = (1.79 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.43) \%$ , while most of the decays happen via  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \omega \pi^+$ .

CLEO also measured the masses and widths of  $\Sigma_c^{++}$  and  $\Sigma_c^0$  [24] (the results are shown in table 3), updating previous results on the masses from E791 [25].

## CHARMED BARYONS: THE $\Xi_c^+$ AND $\Xi_c^0$

FOCUS measured several new decay modes of the  $\Xi_c^+$  and re-measured some previously observed ones. A summary is given in table 4. FOCUS also includes upper limits for resonances in these decay modes.

CLEO obtained a new measurement of the  $\Xi_c^+$  lifetime,  $\tau(\Xi_c^+) = (503 \pm 47 \pm 18) \text{ fs}$  [29].

CLEO also reports the first observation of the  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow p K^- K^- \pi^+$  decay [30], with a relative branching ratio of  $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow p K^- K^- \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+) = 0.35 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05$ . In this decay they see evidence for a resonant  $K^*(892)^0$  substructure.

## CHARMED BARYONS: THE $\Omega_c^0$

Evidence for the  $\Omega_c^0$  in  $e^+e^-$  interactions was reported long time ago by ARGUS [31], and now first CLEO [32] and recently Belle [33, 34] confirm this observation. Both measure the mass of the  $\Omega_c^0$  (Belle:  $(2693.9 \pm 1.1 \pm 1.4) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , CLEO:  $(2694.6 \pm 2.6 \pm 1.9) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) significantly different from the PDG2000:  $(2704 \pm 4) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  [35]. Both observe the mode  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$  and  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- e^+ \nu$ , and Belle observes in addition the semileptonic muon mode.

**TABLE 4.** Relative Branching Ratios for  $\Xi_c^+$ .

Decay Mode	FOCUS [26]	CLEO[27]	SELEX [28]
$\frac{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$0.91 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04$	$1.18 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.17$	$0.92 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.07$
$\frac{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^+ K^-)}{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^- \pi^+)}$	$0.16 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.01$		
$\frac{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda^0 K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$0.28 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06$	$0.58 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.07$	
$\frac{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Omega^- K^+ \pi^+)}{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$0.07 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03$		
$\frac{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+(1385)^+ \bar{K}^0)}{\Gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$1.00 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.24$		

## DOUBLY CHARMED BARYONS: THE

$$\Xi_{cc}^+$$

The SELEX experiment reported the first observation of a member of the doubly charmed baryon family, the  $\Xi_{cc}^+$ , in the decay mode  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  [36]. Further work on different decay modes is ongoing.

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